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Columbia announces \$31,450,000 campaign

JOHN A. CONANT, CHAIR of the Board of Directors of Columbia Theological Seminary, and Douglas W. Oldenburg, president of Columbia Theological Seminary, have announced one of the most ambitious capital campaigns in theological education. The campaign theme is "Rooted in Tradition, Growing with Vision." The goal is \$31,450,000. With \$16 million pledged, 50 percent of the goal has been committed.

Mr. Conant of Atlanta, retired businessman, is chairing the campaign. John Weitnauer of Decatur, former chairman of Richway, Inc. and a member of the seminary's Board of Directors, is co-chair. Assisting Mr. Conant and Mr. Weitnauer are 30 leading Presbyterians from six southern states.

The campaign is scheduled in three phases. Phase I, which ran from July 1, 1988, through June 30, 1990, was a quiet phase, with over \$11 million raised, including a \$5 million bequest from the estate of Thomas S. McPheeters, whose father, William M. McPheeters, was a professor at Columbia for 44 years. Phase II, which will run from July 1, 1990, through December 31, 1991, marks the public phase of the campaign, with individual donors and foundations being actively solicited. The goal for Phase II is an additional \$16 million. Phase III, to begin January 1, 1992, will be conducted in the Presbyterian

(USA) churches of the Synod of South Atlantic (in the states of South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida) and other selected areas.

The campaign will address several areas of need at Columbia which are listed on page 7.

President Oldenburg said, "This campaign is one of the most ambitious and challenging endeavors Columbia Seminary has undertaken in its 163-year history. With it, we will serve Christ's Church more effectively. Almost two-thirds of the funds will go into our endowment. The campaign is balanced between student needs and faculty needs, between undergirding established programs and starting new ones. Our library will be substantially enlarged and strengthened. The campaign's theme, 'Rooted in Tradition, Growing with Vision,' accurately describes Columbia. We are profoundly grateful to all who have helped us move halfway toward our goal."

Committee members for the campaign are John Conant, campaign chair, Atlanta, GA; John Weitnauer, co-chair, Decatur, GA; Suzanne Benton, Birmingham, AL; William Barron, Knoxville, TN; William T. Bryant, Nashville, TN; John R. "Rock" Chambless, Montgomery, AL; George H. Cornelson, Clinton, SC; Charles K. "Pete" Cross, Orlando, FL



Left to right: Campaign Chair John Conant, President Douglas Oldenburg, Campaign Co-Chair John Weitnauer

Ann Cousins, Atlanta, GA
Howard Ector, Marietta, GA
W. Douglas Ellis, Atlanta, GA

J. Howard Edington, Orlando, FL
Lawrence L. Gellerstedt, Atlanta, GA
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Dr. Gary Demarest preached at Forum 1990. The Lord's Supper was celebrated during the concluding worship service.

Forum 1991 to be held January 28-31

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY invites all friends and alumni/ae to its 1991 Forum, January 28-31. The four-day event will bring noted speakers and preachers to the campus and will also be a time for class reunions and activities.

This year's Smyth Lecturer is J. Christiaan Beker, Richard J. Dearborn Professor of Biblical Theology at Princeton Theological Seminary. His title for the series is "Paul's Legacy in the New Testament and in the Church Today." Dr. Beker is the author of *Paul the Apostle: The Triumph of God in Thought and Life* and *Paul's Apocalyptic Gospel: The Coming Triumph of God*. His lectures are scheduled for January 29 at 11 a.m. and January 30 and 31 at

11:30 a.m.

Douglas J. Hall, Professor of Christian Theology in the Faculty of Religious Studies of McGill University in Montreal, will be the Alumni/ae Lecturer. The theme of his three lectures is "Creation in Crisis." Dr. Hall is a United Church of Canada minister and the author of 15 books. He will lecture January 29, 30, and 31 at 9 a.m.

Pinckney C. Enniss will be guest preacher for Forum. Dr. Enniss, who is senior minister of The Reformed Church in Bronxville, New York, was pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Atlanta for 13 years. His sermon titles are "The Cobwebbed Cross,"

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From the President

Douglas W. Oldenburg



FOR MOST PEOPLE, whenever the word "seminary" is mentioned, they immediately think of a school that trains pastors and preachers. And, of course, they are right, for the most part. Our central purpose is to train women and men for ordained leadership in local congregations and a great variety of other ministries. The vast majority of our time, energy, and resources is focused on this critical task. Nothing is more important than enlisting and nurturing the very finest leadership for the church of Jesus Christ. Our current curriculum review is searching for ways and means of doing that more effectively.

When you press people, they are also quick to acknowledge that we provide opportunities for continuing education and advanced degrees for clergy. They know that no one can remain effective in ministry without

regularly engaging in continuing education through short-term courses or through working toward an advanced degree. Those who know what has happened at Columbia in recent years also recognize that we have started an effective evangelism program, a Master of Arts degree program for lay persons who do not feel called to ordained ministry, and a Lay Institute of Faith and Life, which has engaged thousands of lay persons in serious study. For the most part, Columbia receives high marks for all of the above.

The trouble is that for most people, lay and clergy alike, the purpose of Columbia stops there. They fail to perceive that one of the important purposes of any theological seminary is to be an "intellectual center" for the church. The holy calling of our faculty is not only to train persons for leadership in the church, but also to keep probing the deep mysteries of the faith. Although it is true of every local congregation, we are especially called to be the place and the community where "faith seeks understanding." (Anselm) Columbia

seeks to fulfill this critical role by calling to our faculty those who are not only good teachers but also good scholars. We try to provide them with generous sabbatical leaves in order to do their research and writing.

I am proud of the superb community of scholars we have assembled at Columbia. Although scholarship should never be measured solely on publications, it is noteworthy that in a period of 15 months, our faculty has (or will have) authored, co-authored, or edited 18 books! They are written not to score points with the guilds, but to help clergy and laity in their various ministries.

I am sure you join me in saluting all my colleagues on the faculty for their outstanding scholarship which helps make Columbia an important center for theological inquiry for the church of Jesus Christ.

With warmest regards,

Douglas W. Oldenburg

Robert Lynn addresses Board at fall retreat

COLUMBIA SEMINARY'S BOARD of Directors, chaired by John A. Conant of Atlanta, held a fall retreat and meeting at the Plaza Center in Decatur and on the seminary campus from September 30 to October 2. Members heard two addresses from Dr. Robert Lynn, reviewed development and curricular progress, installed five new members, and took action on other seminary concerns.

Robert W. Lynn, former Vice President of Religion at the Lilly Endowment and now Scholar in Residence at Bangor Theological Seminary, was guest speaker for the three-day event, funded by a grant from the Lilly Endowment. At the first session, Dr. Lynn discussed "An Extraordinary Opportunity amidst a Leadership Crisis." Spotlighting activities of the church, its leaders, and the role of seminaries through the decades, Dr. Lynn outlined challenges seminaries face as they move toward the year 2000. In a Monday evening follow-up address, Dr. Lynn considered "Critical Issues in Theological Education" and highlighted common issues and concerns in today's theological institutions.

In the October 1 morning session, members discussed the "Rooted in Tradition, Growing With Vision" capital campaign. Campaign Co-Chair John Weitnauer, President Douglas Oldenburg, Campaign Director Frank Willey, and Campaign Chairman John Conant presented materials and gave an overview of the campaign. J.C. "Bud" Shaw, chair of the Board Gifts Committee, challenged members to support the campaign — one of the most ambitious capital campaigns ever conducted by a theological institution, with a goal to raise \$31,450,000 by 1995.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Glenn Bucher and Professor

Charles Cousar provided a progress report on the curriculum review. With the \$137,900 Lilly Endowment grant, the seminary plans a March completion date in the initial phase of the curriculum review, Columbia's first since 1968. The committee report will include discussions among faculty at retreats and in seminars, with groups of ministers and laypersons from the Atlanta area, and with presbytery and synod executives to determine key theological issues in the church today and suggestions for curriculum changes. The committee plans to present a statement of goals and mission to the Board at the spring meeting.

During an afternoon plenary session, Chairman Conant introduced five newly elected members. Joining the Board were members-at-large George Cornelison, a retired textile executive from Clinton, South Carolina, and David Quattlebaum, a Greenville, South Carolina attorney. New members from the Synod of Living Waters were Cordell Wynn, president of Stillman College in Tuscaloosa; Aubrey Patterson, chief executive officer of Bancorp of Mississippi and the Bank of Mississippi, from Tupelo; and Frank S. James III, a Birmingham attorney and former professor and assistant dean of the School of Law, University of Alabama.

Later the Board applauded a large entering class and the increased number of racial/ethnic students, and Dean of Students Philip Gehman introduced Ernestine Cole, the new associate dean of students. A graduate of McCormick Seminary, Ms. Cole will begin her duties January 1.

In other business, the Board expressed appreciation to members Betty McCallen, Martha Tissington, and Warner Durnell, whose terms of service ended; approved the sabbati-

cal reports of professors Oscar Hussel, Robert Ramey, David Moessner, and Jeanne Stevenson-Moessner; approved Dr. Stanley Saunders, a professor at Princeton and New Brunswick seminaries, as visiting professor of New Testament under the Lilly grant. He will begin an 18-month tenure at Columbia in February 1991.

The Board also recommended Walter Brueggemann be appointed to the William McPheeters Chair of Old Testament; recommended that John Patton be granted a sabbatical leave during the fall 1991 semester and January 1992 term to complete a textbook in pastoral care; moved that Mattie Hart be approved as adjunct professor to teach "New Testament Introduction" in Columbia's Program for Theological Studies in Florida during the winter/spring term 1991. Dr. Hart is a professor at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida, and a Columbia alumna. The Board approved a motion to receive the interim report of the Florida Feasibility Study. □

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R. John Harris, Miami, FL
Gay M. Love, Atlanta, GA
J. Phillips Noble, Decatur, GA
William J. Noonan, Pensacola, FL
William John Park, Greenwood, SC
Joseph E. Patrick, Decatur, GA
H. G. "Pat" Pattillo, Decatur, GA
J. Davison Phillips, Decatur, GA
David Quattlebaum, Greenville, SC
Thomas E. Rast, Birmingham, AL
William E. Scheu, Jacksonville, FL
J. C. "Bud" Shaw, Cartersville, GA
J. T. Simmons, Jackson, MS
L. Neil Williams, Atlanta, GA.

Honorary committee members are Thomas G. Cousins, Atlanta, GA
W. Frank Harrington, Atlanta, GA. □

President's Advisory Council meets

COMPRISED OF 137 civic and church leaders from across the Southeast, the President's Advisory Council convened October 25-26 at Columbia Seminary.

Jefferson V. Smith Jr., an attorney from Greer, South Carolina, chaired the two-day meeting, which included progress reports on academic and development programs.

At the opening session, Dean Glenn Bucher and Professor Charles Cousar gave council members a progress report on the Lilly Endowment-funded curriculum review. That update was followed by discussion and afternoon committee work.

Barbara Crais of Birmingham led the Committee on Student Affairs/Admissions, Joe Patrick of Decatur chaired the Committee on Faculty/Academic Affairs, and Bob Lang of Atlanta led the Committee on Finance/Development.

Following a tour of campus, council members convened for a dinner meeting, where students Lisa Nuernberger, a Master of Arts in Theological Studies student, and Master of Divinity students Beecher Mathes and Bill Owens spoke about student life. Afterwards, council members attended a reception at the home of President and Mrs. Oldenburg.

At Friday sessions, John Weitnauer and Frank Willey discussed the \$31,450,000 capital campaign with the council, and Dr. Oldenburg presented his State of the Seminary address. The council adjourned after members offered reports and recommendations. □

Columbia graduates serve the church in 43 countries

WHAT DO AN Anglican bishop in Jamaica, a physician in India, and a seminary professor in Brazil have in common? All three are alumni/ae of Columbia Theological Seminary! The Right Reverend Neville W. de Souza, Bishop of Jamaica, was a visiting scholar in 1986; Dr. Sylvia Babu, a physician from Bangalore, India, and lay leader in the United Church of South India, was in residence for the Master of Arts in Theological Studies program in 1987-88 and is on the campus now finishing her studies; the Rev. Sherron George, a PC(USA) missionary who is the first woman seminary professor at the Londrina Seminary of the Independent Presbyterian Church of Brazil, received her Doctor of Ministry degree in 1986.

Alumni/ae of Columbia are now serving the church in 43 countries. Although they seldom are able to visit the campus, come to class reunions, or attend Columbia Forum, their loyalty to their alma mater is impressive. Recently, a graduate, now president of the Presbyterian Seminary in Seoul, Korea, visited the campus and said he wanted to go to the Business Office. After apologizing for not having supported the seminary as often as he would have liked since he graduated, he wrote out a check for \$50 for his "alumni dues!"

It is hard to keep up with alumni/ae who have scattered to the ends of the earth, but a conservative count comes up with at least 225 graduates

Frontera de Cristo with the Mexico-U.S. border ministry in Douglas, Arizona, and is now back on the campus for graduate study. Carlos Clugy-Soto (MDiv '82) has been engaged in a training program for church treasurers in Zaire. Boh Armstead (MDiv '63) works in a theological education by extension program in Chile. Arlene Kelly (Special Study '84-'85) teaches at Kinjo High School and is on the staff of the Asian Health Institute in Nagoya, Japan.

Frank Arnold (DMin '84) is dean of the Independent Presbyterian Seminary at Fortalaza, Brazil, where James Manor (BD '67, ThM '76) teaches Old Testament. Bill Jennings (DMin '88) and Joe Martin (BD '63) are on the faculty of the Edward Lane Bible Institute in Patrocinio. Along with a number of correspondence courses, the institute prepares study material for churches in Portuguese speaking Angola and Mozambique. Fred Dinkins (MDiv '66) works with the Salt of the Earth project in Uberlandia where he engages in a ministry of writing and conference speaking and teaches at the Campinas Seminary. Frank Sapp (BD '60) is engaged in a radio ministry in Nagoya, Japan, and Mary Kay Sapp (DMin '90) is working on a Christian education curriculum project in Japan.

Other alumni/ae serve in cooperative and ecumenical ventures abroad. A well-known Columbia



Maake Masango, from South Africa, is working on his Doctor of Sacred Theology degree, and Sylvia Babu, from India, is completing her Master of Arts in Theological Studies degree.

'87-'88), and an earlier president of the seminary was also an alumnus — Il Sung Kay (ThM '47).

In Jamaica, Howard Gregory (STD '88), Leslie McKoy (ThM '88), Norma Smellie (MAYM '86), and Gladstone Donalds (visiting scholar '89) all serve on the faculty of the United Theological College of the West Indies. A former president of the college, William Watty (visiting scholar 1980-81) is now superintendent of the Southern Methodist Conference of the Caribbean.

Paolo Ricca (ThM '59 and Forum Alumni/ae Lecturer in 1987) is on the faculty of the Waldensian Seminary in Rome, Italy. Hany Wakuteka (DMin '84) is rector of the Faculte Theologie Reformee au Kasai in Ndesha, Zaire, where PC(USA) missionary Gary Coppedge (in residence for DMin degree '89) serves on the faculty.

Many more Columbia international alumni/ae serve as church pastors. Here are a few who represent this much larger number: Jeffrey Gibson (ThM '83) and Eric Lynch (ThM '83) serve Episcopal parishes in Barbados; Raphael Dessieu (Special Study '88) serves a pastorate in Haiti; Martin Song (DMin '88) is pastor of a Presbyterian congregation in Kaohsiung, Taiwan; Gyorgy Horvath (Special Study '85-'86), Margot Balog (Special Study '85-'86), Janos Pasztor (visiting scholar and lecturer '87-'88), and Bela Toth (visiting scholar and lecturer '90) are pastors of the Reformed Church of Hungary; Robert Malloch (Special Study '85-'86) is a pastor in Scotland; Grace Wu (ThM '90) is working in a pastorate in Taiwan; Yoshinkobu Kochi (ThM '86) serves a congregation of the Reformed Church in Japan. Justin Peart (ThM '86) is a Moravian pastor in Jamaica. Park Chung Sik (Special Study '85-'86) is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Soonchun, Korea.

Serving in special ministries are Toshiyuki Kubotera (ThM '75) as a hospital chaplain in Osaka, Japan; Tafatolu Filemoni (ThM '85), who works with Fiji Islanders in New Zealand; and Abner (ThM '86) and Rosalia (MAYM '86) Assiz, serving

together in a Presbyterian church and Christian academy for children in Recife, Brazil. Daniel Susanto (ThM '90) is engaged in a ministry of clinical pastoral education in Indonesia; Totak Wiryasaputra (ThM '90) is a hospital chaplain in Indonesia.

Many more names could be mentioned, but this list gives some hint of the ways Columbia is serving around the world through its graduates. □

G. Thompson Brown, Visiting Professor and former Associate Professor of World Christianity at Columbia, wrote this article.

Columbia counts at least 225 graduates in active service abroad.

now in active service abroad. The largest single number (24) is in Korea. (In addition to this number, over 100 people have attended the three-week seminar for Korean pastors held at Columbia each summer.) The second largest number (20) is in Jamaica, reflecting the partnership arrangement which Columbia has with the United Theological College of the West Indies in Kingston.

Thirty-five alumni/ae are now serving as active missionaries with the Global Mission Unit of the Presbyterian Church (USA). They serve with diverse skills in a wide variety of places and activities. Don McCall (BD '52, STD '75) serves as Associate General Secretary for Evangelism for the Taiwan Presbyterian Church. John Sommerville (BD '53) is professor at Han Nam University in Taejon, Korea. Bill Warlick (MDiv '61) directs the Project for Evangelism and Church Growth in Central Africa (Zaire, Ghana, Cameroon). Lardner Moore (MDiv '53) is hospital chaplain at the Yodogawa Christian Hospital in Osaka, Japan.

Robert Marvin (BD '55, DMin '83), Sherwood Taylor (BD '50), and Bob Cousar (BD '51) are engaged in evangelism and church planting ministries in Brazil. Gary Waller (BD '59) has been co-director of the Project

graduate, Leighton Ford (BD '55), is chair of the Lausanne Committee for World Evangelization. He presided at the congress held in Manila in 1989. Cyrus (BD '64) and Rebecca (Mission Training '61-'62) Moon live and work in Bossey, Switzerland, where Cyrus is on the staff of the World Council of Churches. John Ellington (ThM '65) translates the Bible into African languages for the United Bible Societies. Cody Watson (DMin '76) serves an international congregation in Hong Kong. Charles Evans (MDiv '78) is with Food for the Hungry International in Japan. Robert Johnson (MDiv '79) is in Mozambique, where he works in a joint project sponsored by InterVarsity and the Presbyterian Church of Brazil.

But far outnumbering PC(USA) personnel who serve abroad are those from "Third World Countries" who have returned to serve their churches after study at Columbia. Some are in places of leadership in the field of higher education. Shin Ishimaru (ThM '58) is president of the Shikoku Christian College in Japan. Yong Gil Maeng (ThM '74) is president of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary in Seoul, where Chang Bok Chung (ThM '74) is professor of homiletics. Dr. Maeng's predecessor was Park Chang Whan (visiting scholar and lecturer

Revisiting Paul in ancient Greece, Turkey

"FAR AWAY PLACES" with strange sounding but still familiar names: Ephesus, Philippi, Miletus, Corinth. We know them from the New Testament, but few of us could locate them on a map. From June 13-28, 1991, Columbia Seminary is offering an opportunity to experience the beauty and wonder of these biblical sites in a travel-study seminar designed to provide inspiration and fresh insight into the world of the New Testament.

The tour will be led by Dr. J. Phillips Noble, Presbyterian minister, former director of the Board of Pensions, and experienced traveller; Dr. J. Will Ormond, professor emeritus of New Testament at Columbia Seminary; and the Rev. Sara Juengst, Director of Continuing Education at Columbia Seminary. Dr. Ormond will lead the group in Bible studies at several of the sites. The 15-day trip will include visits to Athens, Corinth, Delphi, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Kavalla, Ephesus, Pergamum, Miletus, Troy, and Istanbul. The approximate cost is \$2,850. For further information, call or write Sara Covin Juengst at the seminary. The trip is open to both clergy and lay persons. □

Continuing Education Calendar

For further information or to register for courses, call or write:
Sara Covin Juengst, Director of Continuing Education, or
Robert S. Smith, Director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life
Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA 30031/404-378-8821.

January 8-10 JANUARY SEMINARS FOR MINISTERS Texts for Year B of the Lectionary: Psalms and Samuel, Walter Brueggemann. Two-day course. Cost: \$90; Moral Conflict in the Christian Community, Frederick Bonkovsky; Getting Acquainted with the *Directory for Worship and Study Guide*, C. Benton Kline; The Theology of the Cross, Charles Cousar; Adolescents and Addiction: An Intergenerational Understanding, William Johnston. All courses except Brueggemann course are one-day courses. Cost: \$45.

January 8, 15, 22, and February 5 LAY SCHOOL OF BIBLE AND THEOLOGY See article on this page for more information.

January 20-25 A WEEK IN THE WINTER WOODS Hiking in the beauty of winter in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park; confrontation with a hostile environment; a group experience of sharing, interdependency, leadership, self-examination, and reflection. Leader: David Fry. Cost: \$100.

January 28-31 COLUMBIA FORUM See article on page 1 for more information.

February 7, 14, 21, 28 MORNING LAY SCHOOL OF THE BIBLE Studies on the Resurrection: What the Four Gospel Accounts Say to Us Today. Leader: J. Will Ormond. Cost: \$15.

February 23 THE SPIRITUALITY OF YOUR WORK Exploring ways to practice the presence of Christ in the Monday-Friday workplace. Leader: Bob Smith. Cost: \$15.

March 1-3 MINISTRY OF MONEY CONFERENCE A weekend event dealing with the impact of money on our lives. Leaders: Walter Brueggemann, Don McClanen, Murphy Davis, and others. Cost: \$150.

March 14 MEDIA, FAITH, AND CULTURE See article on this page for more information.

March 23 GOD LOVES TEACHERS: AFFIRMING AND CELEBRATING CALL IN THE CONTEXT OF EDUCATION A retreat to affirm, celebrate, and support persons called by God into the demanding and invaluable vocation of public school teaching and administration. Leader: Bob Smith.

April 1-9 A WEEK IN JAMAICA See article on this page for more information.

April 8-12 A WEEK AT ST. HELENA'S CONVENT: A CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT FOR WOMEN In Augusta, Georgia. A time to get apart, to pray, to worship, and meditate. Led by a community of sisters in a beautiful retreat setting. Leader: Sara C. Juengst. Cost: \$185.

April 19-20 RELIGION AND THE ARTS. CONVERSATIONS WITH CATHERINE KAPIKIAN. "THE CREATIVE PROCESS: IN THE IMAGE OF GOD" See article on this page for more information.

April 20 LIVING WITH LOSS A one-day workshop for those who have experienced and want to explore the reality of losses we all experience along life's journey. Leader: Jap Keith. Cost: \$20.

April 28-May 3 A WEEK WITH THE TRAPPISTS: A CONTEMPLATIVE RETREAT FOR MEN A retreat for men at the Monastery of the Holy Ghost, Conyers, Georgia. For reformation, relaxation, and spiritual discipline. Leader: Bob Smith. Cost: \$140.

April 29 UPDATE IN THEOLOGICAL EDUCATION WITH LOUISVILLE SEMINARY IN KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE An opportunity for clergy to meet with selected faculty members from two seminaries to get information about new trends and resources in various areas of theological education. Leaders: Shirley Guthrie and others. Cost: \$20.

May 3-5 MINISTRY OF LAITY CONFERENCE AT MONTREAL See article on page 8 for more information.

Lay School set for January/February

THE WINTER LAY School of Bible and Theology will be held on four Tuesday evenings in January and February: January 8, 15, 22, and February 5. Classes will be offered on the Columbia campus in the following areas:
Who Is This God of the Old Testament? — Dr. Ludwig Dewitz
How the Bible Comes to Us — Dr. Charles Cousar and Dr. Beverly Gaventa

C.S. Lewis' Voyage to Narnia — The Rev. Sara C. Juengst

The Holy Spirit: Person, Work, and Gifts — Dr. Shirley Guthrie

The registration fee for each course is \$25 (\$20 for members of a Joint Venture Church). To register or for more information, please call 404/378-8821, or mail your name, address, choice of class, and \$25 to Lay School, Columbia Seminary, Box 520, Decatur, Georgia 30031.

"Come back to Jamaica"

YOU'VE HEARD THE tourism hype; you know about Jamaica's sunny beaches and turquoise waters and blue mountains and famous resort hotels. Now you have a chance to discover Jamaica more deeply:

to learn about the rich diversity of Caribbean theology through lectures and discussions at the United Theological College of the West Indies,

to meet an astonishing variety of Jamaican people: politicians, theologians, pastors, Rastafarians, social workers, scholars, and "ordinary folks,"

to worship in Jamaican churches, celebrating their strong, vibrant faith, to confront the implications of our own country's involvement in Jamaica's economics and politics,

to shop and visit the historic sights in Kingston and Ocho Rios, the tourist center on the north coast,

to travel with a diverse group of clergy and laity from several denominations and locations,

to be refreshed, stimulated, and inspired by having the boundaries of your mind stretched by a week in another culture.

Dr. Ambrose Finlay, professor at UTCWI plans the schedule of events, which includes lectures at the college by professors and Kingston notables, including politicians, pastors, and pollsters. There will also be time for sightseeing, visits to inner city ministries, and visits to the craft market. A trip to Ocho Rios will provide the "tourist" experience of beach time, climbing Dunn's River Falls, and sightseeing. A visit to the theatre for a musical play will be one evening's highlight.

The trip is scheduled for April 1-9, 1991, at a cost of \$800. For further information, contact the Office of Continuing Education. □

Symposium on media, faith, culture planned

THE LAY INSTITUTE will hold a symposium on Media, Faith, and Culture on Thursday afternoon and evening, March 14, 1991. Panelists include Jay Smith, publisher of *The Atlanta Journal-Constitution*; Carolyn Carlson, reporter for the Associated Press and immediate past president of the Society of Professional Journalists; Gustav Niebuhr of *The Wall Street Journal*; and Clifford Kirtland, former chairman of Cox Broadcasting.

The symposium will explore subjects such as the ways in which the media influences values; the role of media in enabling Christians intelligently to engage social issues in the world; the ways in which professional journalists and other media persons integrate their faith, values, and ethics into their professional lives.

There is no registration fee, and the public is invited. For more information, contact the Lay Institute at Columbia. □

Fabric artist to demonstrate creative process

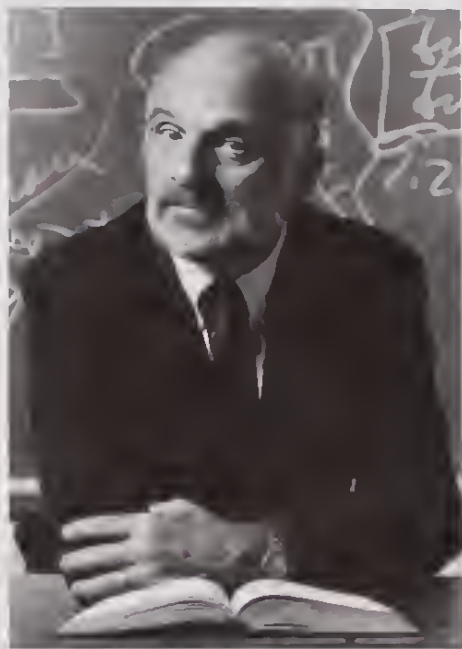
CATHERINE KAPIKIAN, DIRECTOR of the Center for the Arts and Religion at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, D.C., will lead a retreat/seminar at Columbia April 19-20, 1991, on "The Creative Process: In the Image of God."

This seminar is the fourth in a series focusing on provocative and stimulating religious leaders and thinkers. Parker Palmer, John Leith, and Brian Wren have already visited Columbia as part of this series. Ms. Kapikian's visit is also a part of the annual Religion and the Arts program offered at Columbia.

Ms. Kapikian is a well-known fabric artist whose banners and tapestries hang in many churches in the United States. The focus of her presentations will be on how the artist moves from the idea to the finished product. She will describe her own process and lead participants through exercises in contemplative drawing for the enhancement of creativity and artistic confidence. An articulate and exciting person, she has gained the respect of artists and theologians alike as she has sought to express her faith through art.

Seminar participants are asked to bring photographs of art in their churches or samples of their own creative expressions for a Friday evening exhibit of liturgical art.

The seminar will be an inspirational experience for all those persons interested in knowing more about how to develop the right side of the brain in order to blend spiritual insight and artistic gifts. For clergy, educators, and lay persons. Cost is \$50. For additional information, call the Office of Continuing Education. □



Walter Brueggemann

Brueggemann named to McPheeters Chair

WALTER BRUEGGEMANN, PROFESSOR of Old Testament at Columbia, has been named to the William Marcellus McPheeters Chair of Old Testament Studies. The action was taken by the Board of Directors at the October meeting.

The newly established chair is part of the recent \$5 million bequest to Columbia from the estate of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. McPheeters. Mr. McPheeters was the son of William Marcellus McPheeters, who was Professor of Old Testament and Exegesis at Columbia from 1888 until 1932.

Dr. Brueggemann is a well-known and respected teacher and author. His latest titles include *Power, Providence, and Personality: Biblical Insight into Life and Ministry*; *Finally Comes the Poet: Daring Speech for Proclamation*; *First and Second Samuel* (the Interpretation Commentary Series); *To Pluck Up, To Tear Down: Commentary on Jeremiah 1-25*; and *Israel's Praise: Doxology Against Idolatry and Ideology*.

Dr. Brueggemann is the 1990 president of the Society of Biblical Literature, an international professional association of Biblical teachers and scholars of both the Old and New Testaments. At its annual U.S. meeting in New Orleans in November, Professor Brueggemann gave his presidential address, "At the Mercy of Babylon: A Subversive Rereading of the Empire." Columbia held a reception in his honor following the address.

Glenn R. Bucher, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs, said, "Walter Brueggemann has achieved national and international distinction as a master teacher-scholar of the Hebrew Bible. He brings the text to life by connecting it to how and where we live. Columbia is most pleased to honor him in this way." □

Columbia awarded Luce grant for international program

COLUMBIA SEMINARY HAS received a \$270,000 grant from the Henry Luce Foundation for its international program. Henry Luce III, president of the foundation, said, "We recognize the seminary's globalization program as a timely and important undertaking for the faculty and students, and we are delighted to offer assistance."

The grant will enable Columbia to support and enhance further its recognized international program and to focus on Christianity and the churches in Asia. Columbia's interest in including Asia (China, Hong Kong, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, and Singapore) is motivated by the recent religious and cultural transformation on that continent and the implications of that transformation for Christianity, the churches in the West, and theological education.

Dean Glenn R. Bucher said, "Over the last 10 years primarily under Professor Erskine Clarke's leadership, Columbia's international program has achieved national prominence in theological education. The generous grant from the Luce Foundation will enable us to support further the program and to enhance it with a China and other Asian components. We are most grateful for the foundation's confidence in Columbia."

During the three-year grant, Columbia will hold two major conferences on the Church in Asia led by leaders from that continent. Others invited to the week-long events will be an ecumenical group of pastors, lay persons, church administrators, theologians, professors, and representatives of the National and World Council of Churches.

The grant will also allow Columbia to add a location in China to its Alternative Context for Ministry course. The course is a required three-week study-travel seminar conducted in an international, urban, or rural setting for all second-year Master of Divinity students. In this additional Alternative Context experience, students and faculty will learn firsthand about the church and culture of Asia and bring those theological implications to bear on their work at Columbia.

In support of these major events, Columbia will bring to campus during each year a Scholar in Residence from Asia. This person will serve as a consultant to the Luce program and teach part-time. Other features of the grant are support for faculty research and library materials. □

Pew grant to fund Hispanic *encuentro*

COLUMBIA SEMINARY WILL receive a \$105,000 grant from the Pew Charitable Trusts in Philadelphia. The award will be used to fund the first national *encuentro* (encounter or meeting) of Hispanic Protestant leaders who are involved in the training and education of ministers for Hispanic churches in the U.S. and Puerto Rico.

The *encuentro* is designed to foster communication, exchange ideas, and provide mutual inspiration, with the goal being to improve the leadership training of the Hispanic church.

A study on the theological education of Hispanics, conducted by the Fund for Theological Education, shows that the vast majority of Hispanic ministers have received their training from Bible Institutes, conducted by Hispanic churches. The churches served by these pastors who have less formal theological education are an important and vital factor in the Hispanic community. In many barrios, the churches are the only stable institutions and are therefore vital factors of hope and empowerment.

This funding will help promote and facilitate the encounter among those who train ministers for the Hispanic community. Such sharing and cross-fertilization are often difficult in a community where scarce resources must be directed toward meeting immediate and urgent needs.

The meeting, which will take place on the Columbia campus in August 1991, will be led by a steering committee of five members: Justo González, convener and adjunct professor at Columbia; Benjamín Alicea, associate director of Hispanic Programs for the Fund for Theological Education; Roberto Amparo Rivera, former president of Colegio Bíblico Pentecostal de Puerto Rico; Jesse Miranda, superintendent of Latin Pacific District and member of the national Executive Presbytery, Assemblies of God; and Eldin Villafañe, founder of the Center for Urban Ministerial Education, Boston, and currently professor and dean for intercultural concerns at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.

Commenting on the grant, Vice President for Academic Affairs Glenn R. Bucher said, "Justo González is an international figure in Hispanic theological education. Columbia is pleased to be a part of this new program. We are grateful for Professor González' leadership and the Pew Foundation's interest and support."

CFC plans "Come See Columbia Day" for April 4, 1991

TWENTY COLUMBIA FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE representatives from Columbia Seminary's parent Synods of South Atlantic and Living Waters spent two days in October meeting together.

Purnell Morris, Columbia Friendship Circle president, said, "The Columbia Friendship Circle is a vital part of the mission of the Presbyterian Women of these two synods. It was good to see such warm and concerned involvement and commitment from these Presbyterian Women leaders."

During the meeting, the women discussed plans for improving communication throughout the CFC, streamlining the membership process, and providing more educational events at synod, presbytery and local church functions.

For the past several years, the CFC has worked to maintain its voice among Presbyterian women in the midst of changes brought about by reunion. This year CFC support has solidified. Financial contributions were up 40 percent, and more calls for information and CFC resources have been coming into the seminary's CFC Office.

President Douglas Oldenburg believes the Columbia Friendship Circle is an integral part of what makes Columbia great. "The CFC is part of the heart and soul of this institution. For more than 40 years Presbyterian women have been supporting seminary students through their gifts of money, prayer, and encouragement. They bring a level of faith and caring to the seminary that encourages us all."

Each year the CFC awards scholarships to M.Div. students upon nomination by the president and dean of students, with consultation from the development office. The grants are awarded to second and third year students with families who have demonstrated both diligence in their studies and definite financial need. This academic year, six grants are being made in the amount of \$4,400 each. Students receiving CFC scholarships this year are Bill Owens, Andrew Walton, Jim Caprell, Bob Veazey, Nan Adams, and Mike Maxfield.

The Columbia Friendship Circle extends a special invitation to all Presbyterian Women to attend "Come See Columbia Day" April 4, 1991.

This is a day set aside for the women of the Columbia Friendship Circle and invited guests to spend a beautiful spring day visiting the Columbia campus, meeting the CFC scholarship recipients, and hearing from the faculty and staff of the seminary.

For the Record

If you have recent news you would like to contribute to this section, please send it to the editor.

Ernestine Cole has been named full-time associate dean of students at Columbia. She will begin her duties on January 1.....**John Bell '88** has been called as associate pastor of First church, Knoxville, TN.....**Jack Morris '61** was honorably retired from Fellowship church in Tallahassee, of which he was organizing pastor, and was named pastor emeritus in June.....**Charles Cousar '58**, Professor of New Testament at Columbia, taught in the School of Christian Enrichment for the Atlanta-College Park district of the United Methodist Church and in the Lay Academy of First church, Atlanta. He attended the meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in New Orleans in November.....**Robert Ramey**, Professor of Ministry at Columbia, led a retreat for Pleasant Hill church in Duluth, GA and a conflict management workshop at the leadership school for Sheppards and Lapsley Presbytery. He attended the conference sponsored by the Education and Congregational Nurture Unit in Louisville and spoke at a new pastors' retreat at St. Simons Island. Dr. Ramey preached a series of spiritual renewal services in Jackson, GA, and at Knox church in Norfolk, Saxe Gotha church in Lexington, SC, Bethany church in Covington, GA, and at First church in Conyers, GA. He led a polity seminar for certification in church administration.

Paul Lang '92 and Sarah Burden were married August 18.....**Holly Tickle '90** is associate pastor of Pleasant Hill church in Duluth, GA.....**Andy Smith '83** is a member of the Class of 1994 at Mercer University School of Medicine in Macon, GA.....**John Patton**, Professor of Pastoral Theology at Columbia, led a seminar for pastors in Huntsville, AL, on pastoral care of the family. His book, *From Ministry to Theology: Pastoral Action and Reflection*, was published by Abingdon in November.....**Lucy Rose**, Assistant Professor of Preaching and Worship at Columbia, preached at First church, Franklin, NC.....**Dick Druary '76** is pastor of Memorial church in Montgomery.....**Page Shelton '85** has been called as pastor of the Third Creek church in Cleveland, NC.....**Philip Gehman '68**, Vice President for Student Life/Dean of Students at Columbia, served as small group and workshop leader at a Montreat youth conference. He was on the design team for Synod of South Atlantic's New Pastors Support Program.....**Charles Evans '78** won second place in the All Japan National Videotaped Speech Contest, sponsored by the Toastmaster Club International. He is serving with Food for the Hungry International and as a mission associate of the PC(USA).

John Ropp '65 was honorably retired as pastor of the Raeford, NC, church in August.....**Glenn R. Bucher**,

Vice President for Academic Affairs/Dean of the Faculty at Columbia, preached at South Highland church in Birmingham. He visited and consulted with the South Florida Center for Theological Studies in Miami. Dr. Bucher attended the Board of Trustees meeting at Elizabethtown College and the annual meeting of American Academy of Religion/Society of Biblical Literature in New Orleans, where he hosted Columbia's reception in honor of Walter Brueggemann.....**Jefferson Coker '64** is pastor of First church, Talladega, AL.....**Beverly Gaventa**, Professor of New Testament at Columbia, published a book, *The Conversation Continues: Studies in Paul and John in Honor of J. Louis Martyn*, co-edited with R.T. Fortna, Abingdon Press. At the Society of Biblical Literature meeting, she participated in a panel reviewing the new volume, *Paul the Convert*, by Alan Segal. She also responded to a plenary lecture by J. Louis Martyn on the topic "How My Mind Has Changed (Or Stayed the Same)."

Jasper Keith (S.T.D. '79), Professor of Pastoral Care and Counseling at Columbia, gave three lectures at Baptist Medical Center in Birmingham. He completed his term as interim pastor at First church, LaGrange, GA, and was called as interim pastor at Bethany church in Covington, GA. Dr. Keith led an officers' retreat for Roswell, GA, church, a marriage enrichment retreat for Heritage church in Acworth, GA, and a workshop for care-givers at Good Shepherd church in Stone Mountain, GA. He contributed a chapter on "Healing in a Theological Perspective" in *The Pastor as Counselor* (Pilgrim Press) and a monograph, "Peer Review: A Theological Perspective," for *Journal of Pastoral Care Publications, Inc.*.....**Harrison Taylor '54** is interim pastor of First church, Jefferson City, TN.....**Wade Huie '46**, Professor of

BIRTHS

To Andy '83 and Stephanie Smith, a son, Harmon Andrew, Jr., Mar. 10, 1990.
To Mark '84 and Talley Kayser, a son, Dietrich Whitfield, Oct. 14, 1990.
To Karen Walkup Newsome '88 and Dick Newsome '90, a son, William Burns, Nov. 6, 1990.
To Sam (D.Min. '89) and Mini Rutland, a daughter, Meredith Williams, July 13, 1990.
To Rebecca, Director of Admissions and Financial Aid at Columbia, and Buddy Parker, a daughter, Rebecca Virginia, Oct. 29, 1990.

DEATHS

Rufus Oakey '31, July 26, 1990.
William Henry Estell (Th.M. '69), April 1990.

Homiletics at Columbia, has preached at Duke University Chapel, Rivermont church in Chattanooga, First church in Enid, OK, Daufuski Island, SC, and at Presbyterian churches in Eatonton, Winder, Comer, and Forest Park, GA. He led a weekend study on the Lord's Supper at Parkway church in Winston-Salem and spoke at the Fayetteville, WV, church and Eastminster church in Stone Mountain. His article, "Lectionary Preaching," appeared in *Reformed Liturgy and Music*.

Shirley Guthrie, Professor of Systematic Theology at Columbia, has preached at First church, Rusk, TX; Shades Valley church in Birmingham; and St. Andrews church in Tucker, GA. He has taught at presbytery school in Winston-Salem and at Elman church in London, Ontario, where he also preached. Dr. Guthrie spoke at a seminar on death and dying and preached at Trinity church, Hendersonville, NC, and at a Greater Atlanta Presbytery conference on environmental problems. He gave a lecture series on preaching at First church, Franklin, TN, led a theological update at Mo Ranch, and attended a meeting of Presbyterian teachers of systematic theology in Chicago.....**Charles L. Landrum '34** was honored by Lees College in Jackson, KY, in October. He was presented with the Presidential Fellows Medallion for service rendered to the college.....**Tammy Lane (MATS '91)** is assistant Associated Press wires editor at *The State* in Columbia, SC.

G. Thompson Brown, Visiting Professor at Columbia, led the adult missionary study at the New Wilmington Missionary Conference and was co-director and teacher at Columbia's Seminar for Korean Pastors. Dr. Brown gave the mission address at the Presbytery of the James in Richmond, met with presbytery's Mission Committee afterwards, and preached at All Souls church.....**Walter Brueggemann**, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia, gave the Wertsch Lectures at St. Paul Seminary in Kansas City and the Blandy Lectures at Episcopal Seminary in Austin. He has preached at the National Council of Churches for the dedication of the NRSV, at Myers Park Baptist Church in Charlotte, and at Pasadena, CA, church. He has lectured for the Episcopal Diocese of Delaware, attended the UCC Theological Commission in Cleveland, and gave his presidential paper at the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in New Orleans. Dr. Brueggemann has had articles published in *Sojourner*, *Liturgy*, and *Church and Society* and reviews published in *Theological Study*, *Interpretation*, and *Presbyterian Outlook*. His book, *Power, Providence, and Personality: Biblical Insight into Life and Ministry*, has been published by Westminster/John Knox Press.

Drew Tomberlin '87, an active duty Navy chaplain, has been deployed to Saudi Arabia with the 11th Marines.....**James Ramey '91** and Jo Hanby were married Aug. 25.....**Ben Johnson**, Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth at Columbia, has preached at Westminster, CA, church; First churches in Clarkston, WA,

Spartanburg, SC, and Bartlesville, OK; Clairmont church, Atlanta; Moorings church, Naples, FL; and Park Lake church, Orlando. He led a ministers' retreat for Central Florida Presbytery and an officers' retreat for The Presbyterian Church, Basking Ridge, NJ. Dr. Johnson led evangelism workshops at Inland Empire Presbytery, Spokane, WA; San Jose Presbytery, Gilroy, CA; Westminster church, Emporia, KS; and Bayside church, Virginia Beach. He led spirituality seminars at San Francisco Theological Seminary, Vienna, VA, church, Cayuga-Syracuse Presbytery, Syracuse, NY, and at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Dr. Johnson was speaker at a college-church council for Montreat-Anderson College and led a workshop and spoke at Los Ranchos Presbytery.....**Rusty Freeman '84** is pastor of the Johnstown, OH, church.

Robert Lawrence '52 was honorably retired from Fourth church, Greenville, SC, in July.....**William Newton (D.Min. '86)** is chaplain of Rhodes College.....**Sara C. Juengst '83**, Director of Continuing Education at Columbia, gave an inspirational message at Trinity church Atlanta's Teacher Recognition Dinner, preached and led worship for the Christian Education Committee and teachers at First church, Brevard, NC, and led a workshop on *Tongues of Fire* at Northwest Georgia Presbytery and the Lay Institute at Columbia. She was inspirational speaker and workshop leader for the Presbyterian Women's gathering at Foothills Presbytery and attended the board meeting of the Society for Advancement of Continuing Education in Ministry. Ms. Juengst led a retreat for women of St. Giles church, Greenville, SC, and has begun a study of Reformed theology at North Decatur church.....**James Carter '82** has been called as pastor of Bethesda church, York, SC.....**Brian Childs**, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Counseling at Columbia, gave the Barclay-Patterson Lectures on Religion, Medicine, and Ethics at Georgia Baptist Medical Center and gave a presentation, "Dying Legally," to

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Women Doctors/Lawyers at their annual meeting in Atlanta. Dr. Childs' book, *Short-Term Pastoral Counseling: A Guide*, has been published by Abingdon Press.

Christine Wenderoth, Associate Librarian and Assistant Professor of Practical Theology at Columbia, became a candidate for the ministry of word and sacrament at the meeting of Presbytery of Greater Atlanta in October.....**Sam Rutland** (D.Min. '89) is pastor of First church, Whiteville, NC.....**Bob Smith** '71, Director of the Lay Institute of Faith and Life at Columbia, taught at the South Atlantic Synod School and led three-day Lay Institute events in north, central, and west Florida and in South Carolina. Dr. Smith taught classes at North Avenue church, Atlanta, and led a men's retreat at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit and a church officers' training event at Calvin Center, GA.....**David Moessner**, Associate Professor of New Testament, had his article on the role of Israel's rejection in the death of Jesus in the Gospel of

Luke published in *Reimagining the Death of the Lukan Jesus*, Bonner Biblische Beitrage 73. He presented a paper, "'The Christ Must Suffer,' The Church Must Suffer: Rethinking the Theology of the Cross in Luke-Acts," at the seminar of the Acts Group at the Society of Biblical Literature annual meeting. Dr. Moessner was president of the Synoptic Gospels Section at the SBL meeting.....**Scott Andrews** '88 and Carolyn Johnson were married Sept. 15.

Gerri M. Bates (D.Min. '87) is a therapist at the Atlanta Center for Integrative Therapy, a resource which offers mind/body and spiritual healing.....**Mark Kayser** '84, an Army chaplain, has been transferred to Germany.....**Mary Charlotte McCall**, Assistant to the Dean of Faculty at Columbia, met with the Synod of South Atlantic Nurture Forum to discuss the possibilities of Columbia extension work, especially in Florida. She chairs and has met with the PC(USA) Personnel Committee of the Committee on Social Witness Policy, and she also met with the Pay Equity Steering Committee. Both meetings

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Co-edited by Beverly Gaventa :		
_____ <i>The Conversation Continues: Studies in Paul and John</i>	\$29.95	\$25.46
Co-authored by David Gunn :		
_____ <i>Compromising Redemption: Relating Characters in the Book of Ruth</i>	\$11.95	\$10.16
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Columbia's capital campaign

COLUMBIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY is a first rate institution! Make no mistake about that. To be even better requires taking a number of important steps, and one of the more important is found in our front page article about the capital campaign.

For the past 15 years the seminary has been steadily on an upward track. Today it is recognized as one of the leading theological institutions in North America and around the world. We will not cover this again because it has been well documented in recent years.

The capital needs of the seminary have been studied very carefully for the past three years. Efforts have been made to look at every area, to attempt to determine some of the needs for the first part of the coming century, all with the needs of the church firmly in mind.

The administration and the Board of Directors have carefully put together a most ambitious program, one which our fund raising counsel tells us is the largest capital campaign ever in theological education. To have about one-half of the goal committed as we make the public announcement indicates this program will be a success.

As never before, now is the time for all to assist in one of the most exciting times an institution can experience. Please study and review the list below, and let's make a com-

mitment to complete this campaign for Columbia's future by going over and above the goal.

Endowment:

Scholarships	\$ 4,750,000
Four New Academic Chairs	4,000,000
Additions to Underfunded Chairs	2,600,000
Florida Center	2,000,000
Book Endowment/Library	1,550,000
New Church Development	1,500,000
Faculty/Staff Development	1,000,000
International Program	1,000,000
Lay Institute of Faith and Life	1,000,000
	\$ 19,400,000

Buildings/Renovations:

Library Expansion/Renovations	6,200,000
Student Housing Renovations	2,400,000
Faculty Accommodations	1,000,000
Richards Center Renovation	850,000
Quadrangle/Landscape Development	500,000
New Church Development Center	500,000
	\$11,450,000

Program:

Media in Ministry Program	\$ 600,000
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Total Campaign Goal	\$31,450,000
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For the Record

were in Louisville. Ms. McCall was at Waukulla Springs, FL, for the fall meeting of the Committee on Social Witness Policy.....**David Gunn**, Professor of Old Testament at Columbia, attended the Advisory Council of Interpretation at Union Seminary in Richmond and visited Union Seminary and Jewish Theological Seminary in New York for editorial discussions. He attended the annual meeting of the Society of Biblical Literature in New Orleans, where he organized a session of the Rhetorical Criticism Section, convened and attended meetings of several editorial boards, and was a panelist in sessions of the constructs of Ancient History and Religion Group and the Semiotics and Exegesis Section. He is co-author, with Danna Nolan Fewell, former Columbia instructor and now professor at Perkins School of Theology, of *Compromising Redemption: Relating Characters in the Book of Ruth*, published by Westminster/John Knox in a new series, *Literary Currents in Biblical Interpretation*. The series, conceived by Professors Gunn and Fewell and launched under their general editorship, is designed to foster and make accessible to a wide audience major new directions in biblical

criticism.....**Laura Rains** '88 and **Tom Rains** '88 delivered a joint invocation at graduation exercises at the University of Virginia in May. Their daughter was a May UVA graduate. Laura is now chaplain and counselor at LaGrange College....**Lisa Majoros** '92 and **Nelson Fredsell** were married Aug. 25.....**Robert Ashworth** (ThM '65, DMin '80) is interim pastor at St. Luke's church, Dunwoody, GA.....**Robert Barron** '55 was honorably retired from Oak Mountain church, Carrollton, GA, in Feb.....**Robert Griffin** '68 is chaplain at Hern General Hospital in Stone Mountain, GA.

Conference on Ministry for prospective students

February 22-24, 1991

To register or for more information, call the Office of Admissions at the seminary, 404/378-8821.

Montreat is site of "Fellowship Gathering of Presbyterians"

FOCUSING ON THE "doorways" one faces in all areas of Christian life, Columbia Seminary is sponsoring "A Fellowship Gathering of Presbyterians" at North Carolina's Montreat Conference Center May 3-5.

Columbia President Douglas Oldenburg will join Columbia Board member Joanna M. Adams, pastor of North Decatur Presbyterian Church and preacher on "The Protestant Hour," and Robert S. Smith, Columbia's director for the Lay Institute of Faith and Life, to lead the weekend seminar.

Sessions will include "Doorway to Ultimate Mystery," "Doorways to Restored Relationships," and "Doorways Hard to Walk Through." Elective workshops will be "Doorways of Prayer," "Doorways through Dark Valley Times," and "Doorways of Inductive Bible Study." The gathering will conclude Sunday morning with the session "Celebrating Open Doors," followed by worship and communion.

The only cost for the seminar is room and board at Montreat. Prices range from \$88 to \$122.50 for two nights and six meals. An advance reservation fee of \$25 per person is

required when reservations are made at Montreat.

Apply in writing to Montreat Conference Center, P.O. Box 907, Montreat, NC 28757. For more information, call Montreat at 704/669-2911. □

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"The Cross of Your Choice," and "The Old Rugged Cross." Dr. Enniss will preach on January 28, 29, and 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Alumni/ae activities will run throughout Forum. On Tuesday, January 29, President Douglas Oldenburg will speak at the Alumni/ae Luncheon and Association Meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Alumni/ae in reunion classes will hold their luncheon on Wednesday, January 30, at 12:30 p.m. The following alumni/ae serve as reunion chairs:

- 1931 - Cecil Thompson
- 1936 - W. M. Frampton
- 1941 - Donald Bailey
- 1946 - James Plexico
- 1951 - Calvin Chestnutt
- 1956 - Richard Bass

- 1961 - Carl Smith
- 1966 - Joseph Harvard
- 1971 - David McDonald
- 1976 - Homer Kimmons
- 1981 - Mary Jane Cornell
- 1986 - Janet Deitrich
- 1990 - Carol Boggs

Women students and alumnae will join for a supper on Wednesday evening, January 30, at 6 p.m.

In addition, times have been set aside for informal questions and conversation with the lecturers and preacher. Dr. Catherine Gonzalez and Dr. Shirley Guthrie will moderate the conversation with Dr. Hall; Dr. Charles Cousar and Dr. George Stroup will moderate the discussion with Dr. Beker; and Dr. Wade Huie will moderate the conversation with Dr. Enniss.

All alumni/ae and friends of the seminary are invited to the campus for this full week of lectures, worship, and reunions. For more information or to register, please call the seminary at 404/378-8821. □

ALUMNI/AE RINGS: Inquiries have been received about signet rings with the Columbia Seminary seal engraved in metal. The rings are yellow or white gold. Men's rings are \$360 for 10K gold or \$420 for 14K gold. Women's rings are \$268 for 10K or \$320 for 14K. Initials, date, and degree may be engraved inside the ring. To order, mail a \$40



Columbia began its 163rd year with a record enrollment of over 600 students in its five degree programs. The students above, Evan Campbell and Nancy Cooper, are two of the 56 new students in Columbia's Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Theological Studies programs. These 56 students come from 15 states and Mexico and represent a six percent increase over last year's entering class.

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